

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 28, 2005. Claims 14, 16, 17, 30, 31, 33, 35, 37, and 40-47 are pending. Claims 13, 15, 32, 34, 36, 38, and 39 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Dependent Claims 33, 35, and 37 have been amended hereby. New dependent Claims 40-47 have been added to provide Applicants with a more complete scope of protection. Claims 14, 16, 17, 30, and 31 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

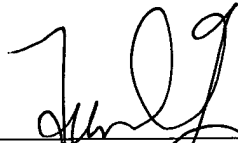
Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowing Claims 14, 16, 17, 30, and 31. Claims 33, 35, and 37 have been amended to depend from allowed claims 14, 30, and 31, respectively, and are submitted to be in condition for allowance. New dependent claims 40-47 have been added and are also submitted to be in condition for allowance for the same reasons.

Cancellation of Claims 13, 15, 32, 34, 36, 38, and 39 renders the rejections of those claims moot. The remaining claims are allowed. The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding correctness of the rejections, but rather strictly to obtain an early allowance and to expedite issuance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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